1	2	3	4	5
23.	Russian Federation	60.0	0.9	12
24.	India	56.3	0.8	12
25.	Poland	54.8	0.8	9
26.	Ireland	51.9	0.8	9
27.	Brazil	49.9	0.7	-15
28.	Denmark	49.9	0.7	9
29.	Turkey	48.8	0.7	18
30.	Czech Republic[b]	40.6	0.6	11
	Total of i above[c]	5651	84.5	-
	World[c]	6685	100.0	3

a Retained imports are defined as imports less re-exports, b Imports are valued f.o.b.

c Includes significant re-exports or imports for re-export. Soure: WTO International Trade Statistics, 2002.

Agro-Export Zones

† 1508. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the Agro-Export Zones identified in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the Central assistance being provided to the State Governments for the success of such Agro-Export Zones;

(c) whether some Agro-Export Zones have been identified in Uttaranchal also; and

(d) if so, the details of the assistance being provided to the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) 48 Agro-Export Zones (AEZs) have been sanctioned for being set up in 19 different States. State-wise and product-wise details are given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) These 48 AEZs envisage a total investment of about Rs. 1326 crore, including Central Government assistance of approximately Rs. 380 crore.

(c) and (d) Four AEZs have been sanctioned in the State of Uttaranchal for Lychee, Flower, Basmati Rice and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. Assistance to the tune of Rs. 39 crore is envisaged for these 4 AEZs.

Statement

List of approved Agro Export Zones (AEZs)

Sl. No.	State	No. of AEZs	Product
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4	Mango Pulp and Fresh Vegetables, Mango and Grapes, Mangoes (Krishna), Gherkins
2.	Assam	1	Fresh and Processed Ginger
3.	Bihar	1	Lychees and Vegetables
4.	Gujarat	2	Mango and Vegetables, Dehydrated Onion
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1	Apples
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	Apples, Walnut
7.	Jharkhand	1	Vegetables
8.	Karnataka	3	Gherkins, Rose, Onion, Flowers
9.	Kerala	1	Horticulture Products
10.	Madhya Pradesh	3	Potatoes, Onion and Garlic, Seed Spices, Wheat
11.	Maharashtra	6	Grapes and Grape Wine, Mango, Kesar Mango, Flowers, Onion, Pomegranate

SI. No.	State	No. of AEZs	Product
12.	Orissa	1	Ginger and Turmeric
13.	Punjab	3	Vegetables, Potatoes, Basmati Rice
14.	Sikkim	2	Flowers (Orchids) and Cherry Pepper, Ginger
15.	Tamil Nadu	3	Flowers (Dharmapuri), Mangoes, Flower (Nilgiri District)
16.	Tripura	1	Pineapple
17.	Uttar Pradesh	4	Potatoes, Mangoes and Vegetables, Mango, Basmati Rice
18.	Uttaranchal	4	Lychee, Flowers, Basmati Rice, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants
19.	West Bengal	5	Pineapple, Lychee, Potatoes, Mango, Vegetables
	TOTAL:	48	

Treating bank guarantees at par with Letter of Credit

1509. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DGFT is not following the Reserve Bank of India's directives with respect to treatment of Bank Guarantees on similar lines with Letter of Credit for extending benefits under the DEPB scheme;

(b) whether DGFT is aware of the explicit opinion expressed by the Reserve Bank of India v*ide* its letter dated 25th April, 2003 wherein it has expressed its position that "For the purpose of